

SIGN THE PLEDGE!

TO ASPIRANTS

▶ Are you a political aspirant for the August 2022 election? Are you interested in truly representing the interests of Mombasa County's residents? Then we want you to sign our pledge.

By signing this pledge, you accept to include these demands in your manifesto and plan of action. Contact us at okoamombasa@gmail.com. We'll send you the form to fill and add you to our list of participating aspirants.

TO VOTERS

▶ Are you planning to cast your ballot for aspirants who sign our pledge? Let us know!

Take a photo of yourself holding this pamphlet and post it on Twitter or Facebook tagging Okoa Mombasa.

Or send it to okoamombasa@gmail.com.

ABOUT OKOA MOMBASA

▶ Okoa Mombasa is a coalition of workers' unions, businesses, professional associations, civil society organisations and others who have come together out of concern for the livelihoods and wellbeing of the residents of Mombasa.

Our goal is simple: Local participation for local resources. If a decision affects or uses Coast resources, then the people of Coast must be consulted in a meaningful way. And more importantly, their opinions must be taken into account. Learn more at okoamombasa.org.



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OUR MEMBERS

- Ajenda Kenya
- Dock Workers Kenya
- Fast Action Summit
- Haki Yetu Organisation
 - InformAction
- Human Rights Watch
- Kenya Long Distance Trucks Union
- Kenya Transporters Association
 - Mombasa residents
- Muslims for Human Rights
 - Taireni Association
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OKOA MOMBASA'S 2022 ELECTION DEMANDS



A ROADMAP FOR POLITICIANS TO TRULY REPRESENT MOMBASA

What does it mean to truly represent Mombasa in politics? Too many politicians claim to be representing Mombasa's interests, but then fail to act accordingly.

For the 2022 elections, we want to change that. We've consulted with Mombasa County residents and come up with four demands that are essential to representing Mombasa. Ahead of the elections, we're inviting all candidates to sign a pledge to include these demands in their plans of action.

Vote accordingly!

FOUR DEMANDS FOR A BETTER MOMBASA



For Kenya's 2022 elections, we're asking political aspirants representing Mombasa County to put the interests of Mombasa's residents first.

What are these interests? We've come up with four key points, each of which are essential to rejuvenating our county.

Mombasa County residents: We're asking you to cast your ballots in favour of aspirants who adopt and respond to these demands. And if they win, let's hold them accountable for their promises!

Read the full demands here:

www.okoamombasa.org/news/election-pledge-2022



REVERSE MOMBASA'S MARGINALISATION

We oppose the government directives ordering that all cargo should be transported up-country via the SGR. These directives have directly contributed to the loss of jobs, the closure of businesses, the loss of livelihoods and the decline of Mombasa's economy.

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POLITICIANS MUST PLEDGE:

- To rescind the unlawful directives and allow freedom of choice of cargo transportation.
- To support alternative job creation opportunities to cushion those affected by the job losses.
- To upgrade of the Mombasa-Nairobi Highway to facilitate efficient road transportation and trade.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

We oppose the lack of public participation in decisions such as the directives, that have a profound detrimental effect on the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people.

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POLITICIANS MUST PLEDGE:

- To carry out meaningful public participation exercises with Mombasa residents before making decisions that affect public resources and assets.
- To conduct a participatory re-naming exercise of the waterfront park and certain streets in Mombasa County.

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

We oppose the manner in which the SGR was conceived and constructed, including the fraudulent procurement process, the lack of transparency around the loan and other agreements, the lack of public participation during the projects initial phase.

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POLITICIANS MUST PLEDGE:

- To fight for immediate publication of the SGR contracts and agreements.
- To pursue legal and administrative sanctions against (1) individuals responsible for the fraudulent procurement of the SGR project and (2) the individuals responsible for withholding information about the SGR project.

DEVOLUTION

We oppose government policies that undermine devolution and its potential to uplift counties using local resources. In Mombasa, the harbour is the local resource, and the Port is the means to uplift the livelihoods of Mombasa residents. Mombasa County should benefit from having the Port, just as other counties benefit from their local resources.

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POLITICIANS MUST PLEDGE:

- To prioritize the welfare of Mombasa residents and to be responsive to their needs.
- At the County level, to prioritize and implement benefit-sharing policies for local resources as a key pillar of the county's devolution agenda.